



## Do You See Me?

Do you see me? I'm the one standing alone wishing someone would come up and talk to me. I'm the one standing on the peripheral; listening, but not participating. I'm the one who is always smiling, but inwardly I am as lonely as I can be. I need friends. I want friends. I am awkward, maybe even an introvert, but I still need someone. My insides are screaming, *"Please, be my friend."* Do you know what kind of friend I need? I need someone with whom to laugh. How often have you heard, *"Laughter is the best medicine for the soul"* or *"Laughter is good for the soul"*? I want someone to be around who will bring me joy. I also need a friend I can trust. Someone with whom I can share my secrets without being judged.

Do we take the time to notice people looking for friends? You may be blessed and have many friends; but there are others who are not. Maybe they are new to our church family? Maybe they have been with us for years? Isn't it aggravating to speak to someone with whom you have to carry the whole conversation? All they seem to do is listen and never contribute to keep the conversation going. But they need friends just like everyone else.

When God created man, He said, *"It is not good that man should be alone"* (Genesis 2.18). Social isolation is not good. The Proverb writer said, *"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken"* (Proverbs 4.9-12). God designed us to have friends.

In opening his first epistle, the apostle John said, *"That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete"* (1 John 1.3, 4). According to John, vertical fellowship with God + horizontal fellowship with man = complete joy. Our greatest joy is being in fellowship with God and one another. Does *"one another"* mean all in the body of Christ, or just the two or three we enjoy the most? Look around you—who do you see?

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Gary

# I Need Friends

## Ecclesiastes 4.9-12

1. Do you have a lot of friends?
2. An anonymous saying states, “*There are big ships and small ships, but the best ships of all are friendships.*”
3. God did not design us to be alone.
4. How do I find a friend?
5. For what should I look in a friend?

### There Are Friendships To...

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_.

A. There are friends to avoid (I Corinthians 15.33).

1. We tend to become \_\_\_\_\_ them (Proverbs 13.20).
2. We receive \_\_\_\_\_ from them (Proverbs 12.26).
3. We will find \_\_\_\_\_ being with them (Proverbs 24.1, 2).

B. I should not choose friends that...

1. Bring out the \_\_\_\_\_ in me.
2. Appeal to my \_\_\_\_\_ (I John 2.15-17; Galatians 5.19-21; 2 Peter 2.18-20).
3. Pull me away from \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 14.7; I Corinthians 5.11).

#### II. \_\_\_\_\_.

A. There are tremendous blessings in having \_\_\_\_\_ friends (Proverbs 27.17).

1. A good friend is there in your \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 18.24; 17.17).
2. A sweet friend refreshes your \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 27.9).

B. We should pursue others who are following the Lord.

1. When we spend time with others who are pursuing the Lord—
2. Their passion, love, and example encourage us to live the same way.

#### III. \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Good friendships require \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Aristotle said, “*Wishing to be friends is quick work, but friendship is a slow ripening fruit.*”

2. I’ve always said, “*You don’t make best friends overnight.*”

B. To maintain good friendships, I must...

1. Watch my \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 26.18, 19).
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 25.17; 27.14).
3. \_\_\_\_\_, and not \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 17.9).
4. Know the consequences of \_\_\_\_\_ actions (Proverbs 18.19).

C. Even when all others fail you, \_\_\_\_\_ will never leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13.5).

**Conclusion:** Do you need Jesus as your friend today?

# C O N N E C T I O N

**C** Good morning WH family! Today I am happy to feature one of our family that has quite literally grown up with us, DJ Keller.

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**R** DJ was born here in Fort Worth (along with her twin brother, our own Ben Keller) and graduated from Brewer High School. DJ says that she always dreamt of becoming a teacher since she took a class in childhood development during her sophomore year. (DJ says it came naturally, since she was a "bossy teen".) She took all of the education classes at Brewer and in her Senior year became Vice President of the TAFE (future educators) club. The club went to competitions where she created and presented exhibits such as her interactive bulletin board showcasing the first year of life. The club made it to both the regional and state competitions. Her club also set up "book nooks" her senior year, giving away free books to kids. She also did student teaching as a senior with the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Blue Haze Elementary where our own younger members attended. (I wonder if they have good teachers' stories???)



Following her graduation, DJ took advantage of contacts made through her student teaching experiences and began teaching Pre-School (18-24 mos.) at the Primrose Academy. This September, she plans on continuing her education online with the Western Governor's University to obtain her teaching degree and certifications for elementary education.

As I mentioned earlier, DJ came to WH as a child and grew up in our youth group, attending and participating in LTC (9 yrs), mission trips (7 yrs), and Camp Blue Haven (9 yrs). She is transitioning into becoming a great asset to our youth group as a future leader, being a 1<sup>st</sup> year sponsor with this year's mission trip. She especially enjoyed helping with Judy Holland's "High Socks for Hope" program, delivering items to needy kids. I know that all of us at WH are so delighted to see DJ growing up with us and now developing into the next phase of her life. I encourage you to reach out and get to know DJ, you'll be blessed!

Les Keele



## *This week's shut-in spotlight shines on:*

*Please send them a note of encouragement or give them a call to let them know we still care*

**Mary East**

**101 Rambling Trail**

**Weatherford, Texas 76087**

**817-613-9902**

**Joe Brevenec**

**Trinity Terrace**

**1600 Texas Street, Apartment 3805**

**Fort Worth, Texas 76102**

**817-731-2460**

## SHEPHERDS

*Greg Ball	214-801-7375
Russ Bartee	817-938-5825
Dan Kille	817-793-7493
Chuck Meyer	682-553-5444
Ross Tomlinson	682-429-1983
John Walton	817-441-0000

\*Shepherd of the month

## MINISTERS

Gary Williams: <i>Pulpit Minister</i>	662-321-3208
Les Keele: <i>Associate Minister</i>	817-808-0566
James Bowie: <i>Youth Minister</i>	817-944-4492

## LAOTIAN MINISTRY

John Boudtaroth	817-891-2132
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## DEACONS

Jon Bartee	817-889-2686
James Bowie	817-944-4492
Brandon Duncan	903-603-1059
Jay Garner	817-205-2070
Ben Meyer	817-673-8557
Robert Scott	817-246-0911
Matt Sloan	405-471-3404
Steve Taylor	817-291-2065
Buck Thomas	817-733-2620
Arthur Torrez	817-721-2726

## MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

**Welcome** - Steven Johnston

**Song Leader** - Matthew Sloan

**Song** - Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty

**Song** - My Only Hope Is You

**Song** - Farther Along

**Prayer** - Tom Pauley

**Scripture** - Ephesians 9:4 - 12

**Song** - Come To The Table

**Lord's Supper** - Buck Thomas

**Prayer for Contribution** - Buck Thomas

**Song** - Days Of Elijah

**I Need Friends** - Gary Williams

**Song** - Bring Christ Your Broken Life

**Announcements** - Les Keele

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - Greg Ball

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**Attended Nursery:** After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years and a mother's nursing room.

For our members and visitors with hearing difficulties, we now provide single side in-ear mono earbuds with a personal receiver for your convenience. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for one.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### Monday, August 12

Isaiah 28 - 30

### Tuesday, August 13

Isaiah 31 - 33

### Wednesday, August 14

Isaiah 34 - 36

### Thursday, August 15

Isaiah 37 - 39

### Friday, August 16

Isaiah 40 - 42

### Saturday, August 17

Isaiah 43 - 45

### Sunday, August 18

Isaiah 46 - 48

### Last Week

Bible Class	131	Wednesday	120
Worship	185	Contribution	\$ 8,260.26
On Line Worship	16	Budget	\$ 13,802.88
PM Worship	70		

### Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## MEMBERS

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
LaRue Bow 08/04/2024	Has been diagnosed with vertigo. 9791 McDaniel Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Medication to have desired effect
Bridget Yawn 08/04/2024	Will have outpatient surgery on August 19. 9213 Idaho Street, Joshua, Texas 76058	Healing and recovery
Jennifer Duncan 08/04/2024	Searching for a new job. 9928 Farmington Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Quick search and employment
Randy, Dee Dee, and Sarah McCoy	Have moved to 1617 Ballinger Street, Abilene, Texas 79605.	Blessings as they begin this new journey
Kitty Davis 7/28/2024	Had surgery for the nerve in her face to relieve pain. Surgery was a success. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	The nerve pain to be gone
Kham Intharansy 7/31/2024	THR Alliance with pneumonia and a drug resistant blood infection. She has received a blood transfusion and will undergo a procedure to remove a fistula from the port sight. A correction: She is not on hospice at this time. 7137 Bob Hanger Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76179	That the infection will be treated with this course of antibiotics and healing will progress
Khamla Kimlinh 07/31/2021	Has been put on hospice. Please no visitors at this time. 4401 Buckeye Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76137	Comfort and peace for all
D'Anne Beall 7/25/24	Will be having surgery August 19 to relieve her sciatic nerve pain. 9001 South Normandale, Apartment #1055, Fort Worth, Texas 76116	Success and quick healing

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Lenore Lawrence	Stan Gish	Is in Cityview Nursing and Rehab, Room 304.	Healing 7/31/2024
Lynnette Latta, friend of	Debbie Turner	lung cancer has returned and chemo is making her ill. Her father just died.	Peace, comfort and healing 7/31/2024
Craig Latta, friend of	Debbie Turner	Has brain cancer and MS.	Healing 7/31/2024
Micheal Robinson, 2nd cousin to	Paula Pauley	Was diagnosed with acute leukemia. Is in a VA hospital in Houston.	God to guide the doctors, quick healing 7/19/2024
Sarah Blackstock, sister of	Nancy Wright	Is in the hospital after developing a problem after surgery.	Healing 7/07/2024
Tracy McLeroy, Daughter-in-law of	Kristi McLeroy	50% blockage of her esophagus. She will have surgery July 25.	Safe and successful surgery 7/19/2024
Sangkip Bouapraseth, father of	Kasie Muongnamvong	Has stage 4 pancreatic cancer.	Healing and pain control 7/17/2024
Ida EU Wing, sister of	Wayne Lipham	husband passed.	Peace and comfort 7/17/2024
Bill Naylor and family, friend of	Lisa Wilson	Was put on hospice on June 28.	The family of Dana Harville and her father as they go through this difficult time 7/07/2024

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# Wednesday Nights

DATE	SPEAKER	CHURCH	TOPIC
AUGUST 14	LARRY KEELE	MIDWAY, LAWRENCEBURG, TN	GUILT AND SHAME
AUGUST 21	ELI HINOJOS	NT CHURCH OF CHRIST, ALLIANCE	PAST RELATIONSHIPS
AUGUST 28	RYAN INLOW	PLEASANT RIDGE	LACK OF TRUST

## DONATIONS NEEDED

In an effort to serve the Hispanic Community, **Angel Perez** is asking for donations for a **GIVE-A-WAY DAY**. All clean clothes and working household items can be left at the Door 3 Foyer and Angel will pick them up on Thursdays. The date of the Give Away will be determined by the amount of items donated. Thank you for helping them out.

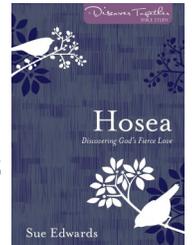
## LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

**Thursday, August 22**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**  
**Fellowship Hall**

Join us for a night of fellowship and snacks as we make "Survival Boxes" for the Waverly Park Elementary teachers and staff. Please bring finger foods to share.

## ATTENTION LADIES

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE THE BOOK FOR THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS, PLEASE SEE LISA IN THE OFFICE, SIGN THE LIST, AND LEAVE YOUR MONEY IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED. THE BOOKS WILL BE \$6.



## FOOD BANK

170 – Families Served  
\$1,004.98 – Cost to WHCOC  
6,338 pounds – Estimated Weight of Food  
**Our Food Bank is in need of VOLUNTEERS on Thursdays from 3:00 - 6:00 PM**

## SMALL GROUPS

Les is looking for families to host our small groups which, we hope, will resume mid-September. One group will be Grief Recovery which will meet in the Keele Home. Please notify Les if you are willing to host a group. Thank you.

## NEW QUARTER CLASSES

Beginning in September, the following classes will be offered:

**Sunday Morning: Auditorium: David Birdow:**  
**The Stones Cry Out**

**Sunday Morning: Young Families: Les Keele:**  
**Light the Fire...Again**

**Wednesday Night Ladies' Class: Amy And**  
**Ellen Bartee: Hosea**

**Wednesday Night Auditorium: Gary Williams:**  
**Hosea**

## LADIES' DAY

Airport Freeway Church Of Christ

"If the *Glass Slipper* Doesn't Fit"

Learning To Walk Like The Royalty We Are  
**September 14, 2024 9:00-3:00 PM**

Free Breakfast and Lunch

Registration required by **SEPTEMBER 1, 2024.**

Phone Number: 817-545-6200



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

## **Sundays:**

Auditorium: Robert Scott: 1st And 2nd Peter  
Young Adults: Russ Bartee: Christian Parenting 101

## **Wednesdays:**

Combined Auditorium Class  
Guest Speakers: Excess Baggage And It's Cost

## **Small Groups**

As summer schedules are chaotic our small groups will be taking a break until the fall. In the meantime, we will be returning to our normal Sunday evening services. Have a great summer!

**Ladies, if you would like to share prayer time and gain strength by coming together with your sisters, come to the Library on Wednesday nights at 6:40 PM.**

**BYO Brown Bag Suppers continue on Wednesday nights. Please bring your family's meal and we will enjoy a time of fellowship before evening services and classes. The building will be opened at 6 PM.**

## **LADIES' RETREAT**

**WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PLANNING A SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR OUR LADIES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE. THIS IS NOT A COMMITMENT TO DEFINITELY ATTEND, WE ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO GET A NUMBER IN MIND. THIS WILL ALLOW US TO CHOOSE A SUITABLE LOCATION EARLY ON. THANK YOU.**

# AUGUST CELEBRATIONS!

## HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

1 BILL BAUMANN  
2 TOMMY INTHARANSY  
3 PHOUI SIHARATH  
5 MARK BRAHN  
5 WAYNE TONG  
6 BETTY WHITE  
7 YVONNE HALLUM  
9 AMY TOMME  
10 PAM TERRELL  
12 PATTI MUSSELMAN  
13 KAREN BRAHN  
13 JEFF SWAN  
14 JAMES BOWIE  
16 AUBREY HALLUM  
16 JANE WRIGHT  
20 LOYCE GAZAWAY  
23 ILAND BOUAPRASETH  
23 PAT MOLDER  
24 MILT BIRMINGHAM

26 DANNY LEE  
26 BETTY WILCOX  
28 DAN PRATT  
29 NELL CAIN  
29 LEAH SAVAGE  
30 SAM ANDERSON

### CHILDREN

2 RHETT BOLT  
27 JUDAH BOLT

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

16 RUSS & ELLEN BARTEE  
17 DWIGHT & JUDY BLAIR  
26 BOB & SHERYL WILLYERD  
30 LES & DEATRA KEELE